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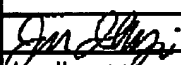
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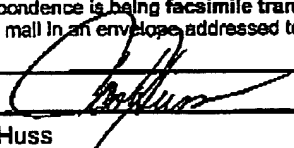
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	Examiner:	Jes F. Pascua
	Attorney Docket No.:	356973-991201 (2505130)
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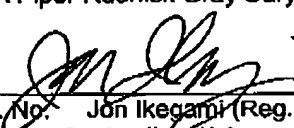
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